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SUBJ: PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON FOR AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE OF MEXICO DELEGATION TO AACLA MEETING

1. AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MEXICO (AMCHAM) HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT, AS IN PAST YEARS, AMCHAM WILL BE SENDING HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF LATIN AMERICA (AACLA) AND WOULD APPRECIATE MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, COMMERCE, USIS, TREASURY, AGRICULTURE, LABOR, EXIMBANK AND IADB. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AND COORDINATING PROGRAM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. AMCHAM GROUP ARRIVES APRIL 27 AND DEPARTS MAY 2. ON APRIL 28 OR 29, AMCHAM WISHES TO HOST LUNCHEON FROM 1215 TO 1400, PROBABLY AT INTERNATIONAL CLUB, AND WISHES TO INCLUDE SAME GUESTS INVITED LAST YEAR, OR THEIR REPLACEMENTS. AACLA MEETING TAKES PLACE ON APRIL 30 AND MAY 1. MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED ABOVE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED ON APRIL 28 AND 29.

3. IF SECRETARIES OF STATE AND OF COMMERCE ARE AVAILABLE FOR A BRIEF VISIT, COURTESY WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED BY AMCHAM.

4. MEMBERS OF AMCHAM DELEGATION NOT YET AVAILABLE, HOWEVER -- AS PREVIOUSLY -- THEY WILL ALL BE AMERICAN
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CITIZENS. THERE WILL BE NUMEROUS CHANGES FROM LAST

YEAR, SO DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO REPEAT MATERIAL PRESENTED PREVIOUS YEARS, IF SUBJECT MATTER STILL PERTINENT.

5. AMBASSADOR IS AWARE OF THE EFFORT REQUIRED BY US. DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED TO ORGANIZE MEETINGS WITH AMCHAM AND OF THE FACT THAT SUCH MEETINGS ARE NOT CUSTOMARILY ARRANGED WITH GROUPS FROM OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. EFFORT ON BEHALF OF MEXICO IS IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF PREDOMINANCE OF MEXICO'S TRADE WITH UNITED STATES AND MANY COMMON INTERESTS RESULTING FROM LONG BORDER. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR THE MEETINGS ARE DOUBLY WORTHWHILE IN VIEW OF CONTROVERSY OVER TRADE ACT OF 1974 AND MEXICO'S EXPORT DRIVE TO CUBA.

6. IN THE VIEW OF EMBASSY OFFICERS CONCERNED, AMCHAM MEXICO PLAYS A FAR LARGER ROLE ON MEXICAN SCENE AND ENJOYS MORE PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE VIS-A-VIS MEXICO OFFICIALDOM THAN DO EQUIVALENT CHAMBERS ELSEWHERE. WE BELIEVE THAT US. GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO NEED UNDERSTANDING AND STRONG SUPPORT OF AMCHAM AND OF ITS MEMBERS. JOVA

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